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## News Brief

### **BTZ promotions**

Congratulations to airmen 1st class **Steven Albert** and **Marisa Shea**, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight, who recently earned senior airman below-the-zone promotions.

Under the Air Force's Senior Airman Below-the-Zone Promotion Program, 15 percent of eligible E-3s can be promoted to senior airman six months before they would otherwise be eligible.

### **Town hall meeting**

A Rhein-Main Town Hall meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 26 at the base theater.

### **Wingman movie**

The next Wingman Wednesday Movie, "In Good Company," is set for 3:30 p.m. April 6 at the base theater.

Participants who bring a Wingman and Wingman card receive two tickets for the price of one. Moviegoers should coordinate with supervisors before attending.

### **Spring cleanup**

The Rhein-Main Spring Cleanup is set for April 13-14.

Main base cleanup is set for April 13 and building managers should follow Combat Proud checklists. Supplies can be picked up at the Self-Help Store in Bldg. 84.

The Gateway Gardens portion of cleanup is set for 9 a.m. April 14. Residents should clean stairwells, sweep out carports, check dumpster enclosures, submit work orders for any repairs. Residents need to clean 50-feet out from their buildings.

Supplies and flowers will be available at the shoppette parking lot.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

### **Three-star briefing**

*Staff Sgt. Jerrel Colston, a kennel master deployed from MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., gives Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, U.S. Air Forces in Europe vice commander, a briefing on kennel operations at Rhein-Main during the general's visit Wednesday. After a meeting with FRAPORT representatives at the commercial airport, General Lichte toured several facilities on base.*

## **Wingman sports new look**

By Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers  
Public Affairs

The base kicked off its first Wingman Sports Day Thursday with a half-day of events at the base fitness center.

More than 75 people took part in nine events, testing a wide-array of skills, and all designed to foster teamwork and cooperation.

The events ranged from 2-on-2 basketball and racquetball to tug-of-war and last-man-standing dodge ball.

During his opening remarks, Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, said this is just the beginning for activities such as this.

"This is the first of what we hope will be several more sports days we have here at Rhein-Main before we close the fitness center," he said.

One of the basic tenets of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Combat Wingman program is to promote and sustain a culture of

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# Health officials recommend changes to fitness program

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski

Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — Air Force health officials recommended seven changes to the fitness program during the program's first annual review.

This first annual assessment consists of reviews by three panels: functional, external and leadership, said Lt. Col. Sherry Sasser, chief of health promotions for the Air Force surgeon general. Air Force officials conducted the functional review while experts from outside agencies and universities gave their opinion in an external review.

The leadership review will begin in late April. Commanders and senior enlisted leaders will be randomly selected via e-mail to take a Web-based survey. The survey data will be compiled and forwarded to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

One consistent aspect of the program, however, is that Airmen worldwide are

embracing fitness as a way of life.

"We are seeing a change in the culture of the Air Force," Colonel Sasser said. "Gyms are being used morning, noon and night and are packed. Units are running together. It's wonderful to see."

In the interest of fostering the positive trend, officials said they are considering the following changes to better the program.

- Award full points on the body composition component of the test if the body mass index is within a healthy range. The Air Force is adding height and weight back into the standard to accommodate Airmen unable to obtain the minimum abdominal circumference but are still at a normal weight for their height. National Institutes of Health officials define an index of less than 25 as a normal or healthy weight.

- Move the waist-circumference measurement to a controlled area for people rated poor or marginal and are being retested to reduce inconsistencies.

- Lengthen run times for tests

conducted at higher elevations.

- Retest Airmen who are rated "marginal" at 90 days instead of 180 days.

- Promote nutrition as an important aspect of education and intervention.

- Emphasize regular physical training rather than test results.

- Reinforce commanders' accountability.

A proposed change to weighing the programs components at 60-20-10-10 instead of the current 50-30-10-10 was rejected. The weighted areas, expressed in percentages, correspond to the run, waist measurement, crunches and pushups.

Two smaller changes will be made to the assessment criteria. Values for females aged 50 to 54 were not consistent with all other age categories, so officials will adjust the criteria according to American College of Sports Medicine standards. A category was also added for people older than 60.

The program changes are expected to be implemented in June, officials said.

## Air Force Assistance Fund under way

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — The Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign runs through April 15 and asks airmen to contribute to any of four Air Force-related charities.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. This is the 32nd year of the fund drive. Charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to:

- The Air Force Aid Society, the official charitable organization of the Air Force which provides Airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Base family support centers have full details on programs and eligibility requirements. Information is also available online at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).

- The Air Force Enlisted Villages in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, which provides rent subsidy and other

support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at [www.afenlistedwidows.org](http://www.afenlistedwidows.org).

- The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, a life-care community in San Antonio for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is [www.airforcevillages.com](http://www.airforcevillages.com).

- The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is [www.lemayfoundation.org](http://www.lemayfoundation.org).

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible.

The point of contact at Rhein-Main is Capt. Seth Hamilton.

For more information, visit <http://afassistancefund.org> or the Air Force Personnel Center's voting and fund-raising Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund).

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

## Two-for-one

*Staff Sgt. Claudia Van Hassel, 469th Air Base Group Clinic, (right) checks Combat Wingman cards at the base theater March 16 as Tech. Sgt. Darren Crisp signs in with his Wingman Staff Sgt. Quincy Martin. Approximately 50 Airmen took advantage of the Combat Wingman program offering of a two-for-one deal on the movie "Coach Carter". Combat Wingman is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe Combat and Special Interest Program designed to promote and sustain a culture of Airmen actively concerned for the wellness of their fellow Airmen.*

# Air Force projects budget shortfall

Readiness, combat training remain high priorities; travel, nondeployment training to slow down through end of fiscal year

**By Master Sgt. David Byron**  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — Supporting the war on terrorism and ongoing operations around the world have created a projected budget shortfall forcing the Air Force to tighten its belt.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper has directed all major commands to cut back on low priority spending in an attempt to stave off a budget crisis.

"We expect to be \$733 million short in military personnel funding," General Jumper said in a message to major command commanders. "And based on our current burn rates, we project a \$3 billion shortfall in our (operations and maintenance) funds by the end of the year."

The unexpected debt can be largely attributed to war-on-terrorism expenses, officials said. The fiscal 2005 supplemental funding bill is currently working its way through Congress.

"We're faced with some uncertainty because congressional action still lies ahead and may not be completed until April," the general said. "We will have to realign some funding to ensure all commands are solvent while we await the supplemental bill's enactment."

Although it will affect modernization efforts, funds will be reprogrammed as a partial solution. The general identified the top two funding priorities.

"We must continue to support requirements of the global war on terrorism and ongoing operations in the theater," General Jumper said. "We must also protect efforts supporting the next rotation to those operations."

While readiness and combat training, including flying hours, will remain a high priority, the general has directed slowing those activities if it is clearly necessary to meet the top two priorities.

Some areas will be hit harder.

"Facilities, business operations, travel, administrative functions, nondeployment-related training and new contracts rank as lower priorities," he said. "These areas should be slowed significantly through the end of the fiscal year."

Air Force and MAJCOM leaders are currently building detailed plans to keep the O&M account solvent through Sept. 30 using available funding, and most MAJCOMs have already begun changing their spending priorities.

Air Mobility Command officials cut back on travel, supply and equipment purchases that don't affect current combat operations, officials said. They have also limited facility projects to emergency work only and slowed planned technology upgrades.

Mobility flying operations, required depot maintenance and all war-related activities will not be affected, AMC officials said.

Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard will not immediately be affected. Their appropriation funding bill is separate from the active-duty system.

"We will do all we can to find more funding," General Jumper said. "But, we have to cover the military personnel bill and ongoing war effort first."

"I'm asking that all Airmen give this their personal attention and carefully consider whether each dollar spent is spent wisely."



## Coach Lombardi's team

*Could you make it?*

**By Capt. Leah Fry**  
380th Expeditionary Aircraft  
Maintenance Squadron

**SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFP)** — "I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle — victorious."

This quote doesn't belong to George Patton or Curtis Lemay, but to one of the most successful football coaches of all time, Vince Lombardi. The principles of intensity, sacrifice, discipline and leadership on which he coached are the same principles on which we build our future leaders in basic training and commissioning sources.

He took one of the least successful teams of its time, the Green Bay Packers, to an NFL-dominating six divisional titles and five NFL championships, as well as Super Bowls I and II and a record of 98-30-4.

How did he do it? And most importantly, how can we apply this great coach's principles to our daily military lives to both motivate and measure our commitment to our task.

**Intensity:** "You never win a game unless you beat the guy in front of you. The score on the board doesn't mean a thing. That's for the fans. You've got to win the war with the man in front of you. You've got to get your man."

It doesn't matter how well you did the task the day before, what matters is

doing that task now — the task at hand. We don't get to look the enemy in the eye when we kill him, but we directly support those who do, and getting our stuff done right the first time means they kill the bad guys the first time they get the chance.

**Sacrifice:** "Success is like anything worthwhile. It has a price. You have to pay the price to win and you have to pay the price to get to the point where success is possible. Most important, you must pay the price to stay there."

Nobody gave us the status of the world's greatest military machine. It was earned with blood. Yet it isn't just about the price we have paid as much as it is about the price we're willing to pay today, tomorrow, and the next day. It's through unwavering conviction of character and commitment to our cause that we remain a world power.

**Discipline:** "Teams do not go physically flat, they go mentally stale."

Sometimes, when it comes right down to it, is your task really so tough? Are the conditions so terrible as to prevent you from exercising perfect discipline in your task? In some cases, if we go 'mentally stale' for a single moment, people may die. Mental toughness is paramount to our success.

**Leadership:** "Leadership rests not only upon ability, not only upon capacity; having the capacity to lead is not enough. The leader must be willing to use it. His leadership is then based on truth and character. There must be

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*The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.*

*The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.*

*If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to [Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil](mailto:Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil) or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.*

*Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.*

*The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.*



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## Warriors of the Week



**Tech. Sgt. Michael Wolcott**

**Unit:** 469th Air Base Group Safety Office

**Time in Air Force:** 18 years

**Time at Rhein-Main:** 3 years

**Duty Title:** Ground safety manager

**Hometown:** Titusville, Fla.

**Hobbies:** Playing racquetball, flying stunt kites, spending time with family and traveling.

**What has been your best Air Force experience?**

Being an instructor at the safety school house at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

## 469th Air Base Group Safety Office



**Tech. Sgt. Fred English**

**Unit:** 469th Air Base Group Safety Office

**Time in Air Force:** 19 years

**Time at Rhein-Main:** 6 years

**Duty Title:** Chief of safety

**Hometown:** Tulsa, Okla.

**Hobbies:** Flyfishing, photography, spending time with family and bowling.

**What has been your best Air Force experience?**

Being stationed at Soesterberg Air Base, The Netherlands.

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truth in the purpose and will power in the character.”

Step up to make the tough call when it's unpopular. Have the integrity and initiative to step ahead of your peers to make the difference, no matter the career field, no matter the task, whether you've been ordered to do so or just see something that needs to be fixed.

Vince Lombardi's ideals and character would have served amongst the greatest of generals. Although he chose football instead of a military career, his standards transcend one profession and apply to all of us in our endeavors to defeat an enemy.

I challenge you to play on Coach Lombardi's team.

## WINGMAN, from Page 1

Airmen actively concerned for the wellness of their fellow Airmen. The program's vision statement goes on to say that by forming Wingmen relationships Airmen will know they have someone they can rely for help and support.

What better example of relying on the help and support of someone else than team sports.

“Incorporating sports into the Wingman Program helps build on the idea of teamwork and helping fellow Airmen,” said Staff Sgt. Tim Hall, 469th ABG Finance Flight. “Plus it's good to have the group together having fun, it's like on big Air Force family.”

Master Sgt. James Cunningham, 469th ABG Clinic and a member of the Combat Wingman Committee at Rhein-Main, said when the committee was tossing around ideas for an event, they took into account the four dimensions of wellness: physical,

emotional, social and spiritual. The sports day covered two of the dimensions and was something members had had a hand in organizing before in deployed locations.

“We tailored the events to the facilities we have at Rhein-Main,” said Sergeant Cunningham. “We're already planning another sports day for May, but this time it will be outdoor activities.”

Tech. Sgt. Andre Dean, 469th ABG Base Training Manager, says the sports day translates directly into the Wingman creed.

“It's all about watching out for one another,” he said. “The team sports make us work together and no one is out there working as an individual.

“For instance, I think myself and Colonel Parker can take the racquetball title if we work together as a team,” he added.





## Around the Force

### **Pay, allowances recognize sacrifice**

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, Defense Department leaders and U.S. legislators “have worked together to increase servicemembers’ basic pay by more than 21 percent,” a senior DoD official told House Armed Services Committee members recently.

U.S. troops are slated for a 3.1 percent across-the-board pay raise this coming year, said Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. Additionally, he said the department has met its goal of eliminating troops’ average out-of-pocket housing costs by 2005. In fact, he said military housing allowances are 41 percent greater than they were in 2001.

Eligible enlisted troops deployed to combat zones have their military pay exempted from federal income tax, he said. Besides their regular pay, these troops also receive \$225 monthly in danger pay and a \$250 monthly family separation allowance.

Mr. Abell said that troops deployed to overseas combat zones also receive hardship duty pay of \$100 a month and a \$105 monthly incidental expense allowance.

An accumulation of such added compensation typically amounts to more than \$700 a month for married servicemembers and more than \$500 for the typical single troop during deployment, he said.

*(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)*

### **AF numbers to drop**

There will be fewer Sailors and Airmen in coming years, Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, told House Armed Services Committee members recently.

The Air Force will reduce its manpower through military-to-civilian slot conversions, while the Navy envisions reduced manning needs through advances in ship design and other implementations of new technology.

Congress recently authorized the Marines to boost their forces by about 3,000,

while the Army is slated to gain around 30,000 troops to assist in the war against terrorism and to facilitate the Army’s modernization.

In 2004, DoD officials converted more than 7,600 military billets to be performed by DoD civilians or contractors, he said. And, they plan to convert another 22,000 military billets to civilian slots during this fiscal year and the next, Mr. Abell said, with additional conversions being planned for fiscal 2007 to 2011.

*(Courtesy of AFPS)*

### **myPay access**

Airmen have one less password to remember thanks to a new link between the Air Force Portal and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service myPay Web site.

Airmen can now have the portal remember their login name and password for myPay, the DFAS online site for pay information, leave and earnings statements, tax forms and allotments. The change makes it easier for Airmen to access their information online, and is another example of how the portal is making life easier for Airmen to get the information they need, said Richard Gustafson, Air Force financial management chief information officer.

To take advantage of the new feature, portal users must already have an active myPay account.

After logging on to the portal, users can click “Applications” on the right side of the screen and then scroll down to “myPay (E/MSS).” When they click the myPay link, the portal will create a dialogue box to help guide them through the setup process.

Setup requires entering the user’s login ID and PIN for myPay. Once set up, users need only log into the portal and click the myPay link to get instant access to their pay information.

*(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)*

### **New policy**

New guidelines for confidential, restricted reporting of sexual assaults in the Defense Department were announced March 18 in a Pentagon briefing.

“The policy allows victims — and here’s the big change — to report a sexual assault to specified individuals without necessarily initiating an investigative process,” said Dr. David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. “(It) will still give them access to medical care, counseling and victim advocacy.”

The specified people include sexual-assault response coordinators, certain health-care providers, victim advocates and chaplains. Chaplains, Dr. Chu said, already possess that privilege under the current system.

Dr. Chu said department officials believe this policy change will encourage more victims of sexual assault to come forward and seek help. More accurate reporting will provide commanders a more accurate view of what is happening within their commands, as well, he said.

This option, he said, provides the victim with more time and control over the release and management of personal information. He said the victim may not be ready to initiate an investigation immediately after an assault, but he hopes that the design of the policy will empower the victim to seek information and support to make an informed decision about participating in a criminal investigation.

The new sexual-assault prevention policy was originally announced in January. The confidential and restricted reporting portion is scheduled to take effect in mid-June, Dr. Chu said. The message department officials hope comes across loud and clear is that sexual assault is a crime that will not be tolerated, he said.

*(Courtesy of AFPS)*

### **Medal update**

The Air Force has completed a batch update to currently reflect award of the Korean Defense Service Medal and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal in the military personnel data system.

Airmen eligible to wear either the KDSM or the GWOT-E should view their decoration history in virtual MPF to verify the update was successful.

*(Courtesy of AFNS)*



# AMC first

## Command stands up contingency response wing

By Airman 1st Class Ashley DiFalco  
305th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

**MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J.** — Air Mobility Command stood up the Air Force's first contingency response wing here recently.

The wing, which replaced the 621st Air Mobility Operations Group, expands the group's current mission and embeds all necessary capabilities, such as security forces, finance, intelligence and civil engineering.

Now, instead of reaching out to various units across the Air Force for each function, the capabilities will be embedded in contingency response groups within the wing.

The best part about the change will be that everyone in each group will be able to train together and focus on working together as a team, said Brig. Gen. Bobby Wilkes, 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force commander.

"The synergy of having trained specialists who know each other (before) deploying is key," he said. "Our Airmen will be trained to 'open the base' and will know where everything fits. They will be focused on their region (before) deploying."

The general said the need for change started with Operation Enduring Freedom.

"The campaign in Afghanistan



Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Reed

*Staff Sgt. Michael Schieber guards one of the entry control points to the airfield at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The new contingency response wing at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., is designed to pave the way for follow-on air and space expeditionary forces.*

required a major airlift effort (because of) the country's location. We learned many lessons on opening airfields. So, the chief of staff decided the Air Force needed to pay more attention to this part of the mission," he said.

The unit's mission is just that — open the air base.

"As soon as the base is seized, we insert our capabilities," General Wilkes said. "The CRG has many capabilities to apply to opening an airfield, such as security forces, airfield assessment, medical support, command and control, aerial port and maintenance functions. CRGs are designed to pave the way for follow-on air (and space) expeditionary forces responsible for generating and sustaining the base's

mission. That's when we hand it over to the AEF commander and move the (group) to the next location," he said.

The command's first CRG entered formal training at the Air Mobility Warfare Center at nearby Fort Dix in February.

The four-week course focuses on team building and includes close-battle tactics and convoy operations, officials said. The course culminates with participation in a capstone exercise, such as Eagle Flag.

"We are looking at this change as a mission evolution," said Lt. Col. Patrick Owens, 821st Air Mobility Squadron commander. "We are taking a significant capability and building upon it. With expanded capability and more structured training, we are better prepared to accomplish our mission with precision and speed."

The Air Force and joint community will certainly see a more capable "open-the-base" force as a result of the new wing, officials said.



Courtesy photo

*Master Sgt. Carlos Marrero, calls the tower to close a taxiway at a forward-deployed location. The Air Force's new contingency response wing combines many capabilities to open and operate an airfield.*

## End of an era

*Dr. George Miller, University of Oklahoma instructor, teaches during the final OU class at Rhein-Main March 20. The class, "Current problems in human relations," marks more than 35 years of instruction provided by OU at the base. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, which has been on base since the early 1970s will begin its final class Tuesday. The University of Maryland's last class ends May 20, marking 55 years of classes on base. For more details, call the education services office at 330-7484.*



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers

## March is the month

# To celebrate women's achievements

To address the absence of information about women in America's schools, the National Women's History Project led a movement to have Congress designate a celebration to recognize women's historic achievements. The goal was to ensure that information about the myriad ways women have changed America would be part of children's education.

In 1980, President Carter issued the first presidential proclamation calling on the American people to remember the contributions of women. By 1987, 14 governors had declared March as Women's History Month, and that same year, Congress and the president followed by declaring March as National Women's History Month.

This March, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the multicultural women's history movement. Designated by Joint Resolutions of the House and Senate and Proclamations by five American Presidents, March has become a huge opportunity for the nation to recognize women as a force in history.

This year's theme, "Women Change America", celebrates and honors the role of American women in transforming our culture, history, and politics.

"Women Change America" also recognizes the 85th anniversary of women in the United States winning the right to vote.

The purpose of women's history is not to idealize women. On the contrary, the stories of women's achievements present a full view of the complexity and contradiction of living a full and purposeful life.

Learning about the extraordinary achievements of women helps diminish the tendency to dismiss and trivialize who women are and what they accomplish. In celebrating women's historic achievements, we present an authentic view of history. The knowledge of women's history provides a more expansive vision of what a woman can do.

This perspective can encourage girls and women to think larger and bolder and can give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience.

How are our children —girls and boys alike — going to understand the importance of women to American culture and history if their education includes little or nothing about the significance of women's contributions?

We know from research and from anecdotal studies that learning the stories of women's success, talent, and accomplishments expands a sense of what is possible for girls and women.

Information about women and their successes gives males and females alike a perspective that challenges some of our cultures' most unconscious and archaic assumptions about women.

Thus, women's history becomes a story of inspiration and hope. A story of courage and tenacity. A story of promise, possibility and purpose.

Women's history is our nation's story. It is the story of how Women have Changed America and how they will continue to do so.

*(Courtesy of the National Women's History Project)*





# Base pet control regulation: A leash law and more

An issue was raised at a recent Rhein-Main Community Action and Information Board, dealing with base residents not cleaning up after their pets.

The 469th Air Base Group Instruction 48-1, which was reissued in June 2004, establishes the general pet policy for residents of Rhein-Main.

Pet ownership in government quarters is a privilege which may be revoked if the pet becomes a nuisance or a threat to other residents or if owners fail to act in accordance with the regulation. Some important points are:

- Owners are responsible for immediate and sanitary removal of their pet's feces from all areas and will carry appropriate equipment to pick up and dispose of pet feces.

- Pets are required to wear a collar or harness with a rabies immunization tag.

- Pets are not allowed on playgrounds, sports fields and school yards.

- Pets are generally not allowed in public buildings. There is an exception for specialty animals like seeing-eye dogs and military working dogs.

- Owners must maintain control of their pets at all times. Pets are to be leashed or caged when outside their quarters.

It's important to note that German law imposes absolute liability on the pet owner, which includes damages to property or injury to persons of the host nation caused by a pet, whether the pet is in the owner's possession, lost, or abandoned. For this reason, liability insurance is recommended for all pet owners.

A complete copy of the regulation can be found at the 469th Air Base Group Public Health Office in the base clinic.

# Air Force drops SRB list to 32 specialties

**WASHINGTON** — Air Force officials made significant changes to the selective re-enlistment bonus program as a result of continuing force-shaping efforts.

Based on the findings of a review in October, officials have published the latest list, which contains 32 Air Force specialties, down from 62.

The new list became effective March 24. However, decreased and deleted bonuses will take effect April 23.

"We updated the SRB list to match our current force-shaping objectives and fiscal limits," said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Lavender, Air Force superintendent of accessions and retention bonus programs. "The SRB program is one of many tools the Air Force uses to balance the enlisted force. Recalibration of the program allows us to use the SRB as a surgically precise retention tool."

All enlisted career fields were

reviewed, including those with special duty and reporting identifiers. The criteria used for determining which enlisted fields remained on the list included current and projected manning levels, re-enlistment trends, career field force structure changes, and career field stress levels, officials said.

Bonuses are authorized by half-point increments (or multiples) in three re-enlistment zones for Airmen with 17 months to 14 years of service. Following is a list of the 32 AFSCs with a bonus:

1A0X1— In-Flight Refueling  
1A1X1X— Flight Engineer  
1A2X1— Loadmaster  
1A3X1— Airborne Communications and Electronics Systems  
1A4X1D— Airborne Battle Management  
1A5X1— Airborne Missions Systems  
1A7X1— Aerial Gunner  
1A8X1X— Airborne Cryptologic Linguist  
1C1X1— Air Traffic Control  
1C2X1— Combat Control

1C4X1— Tactical Air Command and Control  
1C5X1D— Aerospace Control and Warning Systems

1N0X1— Intelligence Applications

1N1X1— Imagery Analysis

1N3X2A/B— Romance Cryptologic Linguist

1N3X3A/D— Slavic Cryptologic Linguist

1N3X4A/G— Far East Cryptologic Linguist

1N3X5X— Mid-East Cryptologic Linguist

1N3X6X— African Cryptologic Linguist

1N3X7X— Turkic Cryptologic Linguist

1N3X8X— Polynesian Cryptologic Linguist

1N3X9X— Indo-Iranian Cryptologic Linguist

1N4X1— Network Intelligence Analysis

1N5X1— Electronic Signals Intelligence Exploitation

1T0X1— Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Operations

1T2X1— Pararescue

1W0X1A— Weather

2E2X1— Communication, Network, Switching and Crypto Systems

2G0X1— Logistics Plans

3E8X1— Explosive Ordnance Disposal

7S0X1— Special Investigations

9L0X0— Interpreter/Translator

## DUI/DWI Tracker

### Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

#### 469th Air Base Group

162 days

#### 726th Air Mobility Squadron

45 days

#### 64th Replacement Company

310 days

#### Tenant Units

94 days

#### Others

237 days

The 469th ABG Top IV provides a

fund at the main gate for permanent party personnel who take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated.

The money used must be reimbursed the next duty day.

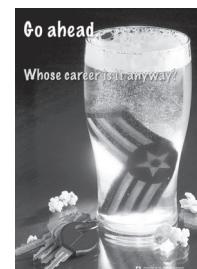




Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

## Runnin' of the green

*Jaime Falcon, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, crosses the finish line in a winning time of 20:56 in the men's 29-39 division of the St. Patrick's Day 5K Fun Run March 17 at the fitness center. Daniel Brown, 726th AMS, won the 28 and under men's category with a time of 20:31, while Guy Parker, 469th Air Base Group deputy commander, won the men's over-40 division with a 24:32 performance. Brandy Hutchison, 469th ABG Clinic, won the women's division in a time of 25:33. Approximately 30 runners took part in the event sponsored by the 469th ABG Services Flight.*

## Rockets take fifth at USAFE

The Rhein-Main Rockets varsity basketball team finished the history of basketball at the base by posting a 3-2 record at the 2005 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Small Units Basketball Championship March 11 at RAF Fairford.

Rhein-Main opened with wins over RAF Croughton, 79-73, and St. Mawgan, 72-70. The first defeat came at the hands of Geilenkirchen, 90-65. A 76-45 loss to Menwith Hill forced the Rockets in the tournament's fifth-place match with the host. Rhein-Main held on for a 70-64 victory.

Mark Cave led Rhein-Main in scoring with 89 points for the tournament. Doug Boyce and John Cook netted 75 and 73 respectively. Marcus Allen and Julius Porcher scored 41 and 24 respectively. William Keys III hit for 19.

(Staff report)

## Sports briefs

### Volleyball results

Following are results from recent action:

■ March 17

Comm def. Clinic 25-15, 19-25, 15-10.

726th AMS "B" def. PAE "B" 25-10, 25-15

726th AMS "A" def. PAE "A" 24-26, 25-10, 21-19

■ Tuesday

Marines def. Det. 1 25-12, 25-19

Comm def. 64th RC 25-14, 25-10

CE def. Det. 3 25-14, 25-18

■ Wednesday

Consulate def. 726th AMS "A" 24-26, 25-18, 15-11

726th AMS "B" def. Clinic 25-16, 25-17

PAE "B" def. SF 21-0, 21-0

### New hours

The fitness center has new hours:

■ 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday - Friday

■ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends and federal holidays

### Softball tourney

The 2005 Army Europe Softball Clinic Tournament is set for April 15-17 in Grafenwohr, Germany. This is a men's community-level tournament. Entry fee is \$250 per team and deadline to pay is April 1.

Each team can consist of 18 players and two non-playing coaches. For more information, contact the Grafenwohr Sports Office at DSN 475-8361 or 475-6426.

### Youth baseball

Registration for the Rhein-Main Youth baseball/softball season runs through April 15.

Children must be at least 5 years old on or before April 23, 2005, to compete and must have a current sports physical to register.

Cost is \$30 for 5-9 year old youth center members and \$40 for non-members; \$45 for 10-15 year old youth center members and \$55 for non-members.

The season begins April 23 and ends between June 4 and 18 depending on the age bracket. Coaches are needed.

For more information, call the youth center at 330-7125.

### Hail and Farewell tourney

A Hail and Farewell Bowling Tournament is set for 2-4 p.m. April 1 at the Rocket Bowling Center.

The cost is \$7 per person for three games and includes shoes. Deadline to sign up is Monday.

The format is four-six person teams and handicaps will be applied according to league rules. The team averages and handicaps will be totalled to determine a winner.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Robert Tejada or Tech. Sgt. Pamela Bidel.

## Cooking

The FSC sponsors a cookout, carnival and free movie April 2 in celebration of the Month of the Military Child.

The cookout and carnival are from noon to 2 p.m. at the youth center gym. The free movie, "Shrek 2" begins at 2 p.m. in the base theater.

Participants should stop by the FSC or Our House to pick up free tickets.

Call 330-7992 for more information.

## Cooking with Xavier

The FSC sponsors a free cooking class taught by Xavier from 6 - 7:30 p.m. April 4 at Our House.

Call the FSC at 330-7992 to sign up. Childcare is available upon request.

## Bible study

The base chapel sponsors "The Purpose Driven Life," Bible study led by Rick Smith each Thursday at 7 p.m. in the chapel annex.

For more information, call 330-7501.

## Lunch and learn

Due to popular demand the FSC sponsors a German Lunch and Learn Class from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Our House, Bldg. 627 B-2 in Gateway Gardens.

Bring a lunch and learn how to survive on the economy.

Call 330-7992 for more information.

## Chapel schedule

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel for Holy week:

### ■ Catholic worship:

Today - 7 p.m. Good Friday Service and Holy Communion

Saturday - 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday - 9 a.m.

Easter Mass

■ Protestant worship:

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.



## Walking tour

The famous FSC walking tour of Frankfurt begins again from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 12.

The tour covers the use of public transportation and a brief history of Frankfurt. Participants should wear civilian clothes and walking shoes and it's recommended to bring at least 25 euros.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

## Spangdahlem trip

The FSC sponsors a tour of Spangdahlem Air Base from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 15 for those PCSing there.

There will be a tour of the base, orientation briefings and a look at a few housing units. If there's time after lunch at the officers club the group will stop at the base's spring bazaar.

The FSC will reimburse for child care for those who require it at a rate of \$3 per hour for one child or a maximum of \$5 for a family.

Call 699-7913 to sign up.

## Dodge ball

The Tony Bass Fitness Center in Wiesbaden sponsors Dodge Ball Madness 2 beginning at 9 a.m. April 16.

Cost is \$75 per eight-person team. Sign-up deadline is April 12.

For more information, call DSN 337-5541.

## Spring carnival

The Halvorsen-Tunner Parent, Teacher, Student Association sponsors the school's final Spring Carnival from 5 - 8 p.m. April 29.

Donations are needed.

For more details, e-mail school.officer@rheinmain.af.mil.

## Base-wide yard sale

Get your junk and treasures together for the Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club base-wide yard sale set for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30 - rain or shine. The club is also planning to set up a car sale lot for anyone who wants to get rid of their "hoopty."

## Movies at Rhein-Main

Wednesday - "Robots," (PG), 7 p.m.

April 1 - "Hide and Seek," (R), 7 p.m.

April 2 - "Man of the House," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "White Noise," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

April 3 - "Alone in the Dark," (R), 7 p.m.

April 6 - "The Ring 2," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

April 8 - "Assault on Precinct 13," (R), 7 p.m.

April 9 - "The Wedding Date," (PG-13) 5 p.m. and "The Pacifier," (PG) 7:30 p.m.

April 10 - "Phantom of the Opera," (PG-13) 7 p.m.

April 13 - "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous," (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

[www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp)

## Wingman promotions

Members of U.S. Air Forces in Europe can present their wingman and wingman card each Wednesday at the Rocket Bowling Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and earns bowling for \$1 each game including shoes.

## Gas prices rise

The price of gas at Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities in Europe will rise April 1.

The average changes per gallon are:

■ \$.117 for regular

■ \$.115 for mid-grade

■ \$.109 for premium

■ \$.186 for diesel

In Germany, the AAFES price for normal unleaded fuel will increase to \$2.190 per gallon. The price for super unleaded changes to \$2.284 per gallon, super plus - \$2.374 and diesel increases to \$2.348 per gallon.

The new prices will be in effect through April 30.





Photos by Greg Cowan



*Hessenpark contains more than 100 reconstructed buildings on 160 acres. The park depicts life as it has been in Hessen throughout a period of about 400 years.*

## Steppin' back in (German) time



## Day Trippin'

Hessenpark, founded in 1974 as the central Hessian Open-Air Museum, is a reflection of the rural Hesse of the past.

More than 100 buildings – a complete range of farmsteads to day laborer houses – have been reconstructed on 160 acres. As visitors walk through the Open-Air Museum they're guided through 400 years of Hessian history.

The museum is organized into five groups of buildings, according to the regions they have been relocated from. These groups of buildings are named after the rivers, characterizing that particular landscape.

The park also contains more than 30 permanent exhibitions, six furnished dwellings, 20 workshops and more than 200 animals. There's a vineyard, basalt quarry, mining tunnel entrance, tar and flax kilns and a geological trail.

Agriculture is a prominent feature of the park and is done according to historical sources of information.

The farmers at the museum cultivate oil and fiber producing plants and a variety of grain used only in the past. The soil is fertilized

with only natural ingredients.

Farmers also keep domesticated animals that correspond to the respective periods highlighted, such as chickens, ducks and geese, which were used to keep village ponds clean.

The museum also tries to preserve ancient breeds of sheep, pigs and cows. For example, the "Rhön" sheep, is a race that can be traced back to the 16th century.

Several animals and plant species seen at the museum are on the verge of extinction.

The park also offers several exhibitions to show visitors how skilled workers of the past performed their duties.

There's a clock-making workshop, an historical print shop, an old post office, pharmacy and a formed cast iron exhibition.

Another exhibition with a distinct German flare is a demonstration of beer brewing by the historic Licher private brewery April 23-24. The date marks the anniversary on the announcement of the German beer purity law of 1516, a law which is still in effect today.

### If you go...



Take A-5 north toward Kassel. Get off at Exit 16 and take a left. Follow the signs to Der Hessenpark.



The park is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Oct. 31. Last admission is 5 p.m.



Admission is 5 euro per adult; children (age 6 and up, pupils, students and disabled persons - 2.70 euro each. Groups of 20 or more people - 4.50 euro per person. A family pass is (parents or single parent with child/children) - 11 euro. Guided tours (up to 30 people with reservation) - 43 euro. Projects/children's birthday party (reservation required) - 53 euro. Dogs (including doggie bag) - 1 euro.



For more information call 06081-5880 or log onto [www.hessenpark.de](http://www.hessenpark.de) or e-mail [Service@Hessenpark.de](mailto:Service@Hessenpark.de)